

THE RICHARD STOCKTON COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
February 18, 2009

Trustees Present:

Dr. James Yoh, Chair
Mr. Stanley Ellis, Vice Chair
Mr. Curtis J. Bashaw, Secretary
Ms. Mady Deininger
Mr. Albert L. Gutierrez
Michael Jacobson, Esq.
Mr. Dean C. Pappas
Mr. Brian A. Sena, Student Trustee
Mr. Dennis Coyle, Student Trustee Alternate
Dr. Herman J. Saatkamp, President and Ex Officio

Trustees Absent:

Ms. Emma Byrne
Dr. Clarence C. Hoover

Call to Order:

Chairman Yoh called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in Room K-203. On November 10, 2006, notice of this meeting as required by the Open Public Meeting Act were sent (a) sent to the Business Services Office of the College, (b) the editors of *The Press and the Vineland Times Journal*, and (c) filed with the Secretary of the State, (d) Galloway Township Clerk's Office and (e) Atlantic County Clerk's Office.

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all votes on the following resolutions were approved by Consent Agenda.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2008:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the regular meeting minutes of December 10, 2008 as amended.

Resolution to Meet in Closed Session:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Ellis, the Board voted to meet in closed session.

Return from Closed Session:

Chairman Yoh reconvened the open/public session at 3:30 p.m., upon the Board's return from closed session.

Report of the Chair:

Chairman Yoh commented on the impact the recession is having on the State and the College. He commended the President, administration, staff and faculty for their continued commitment to providing an affordable and accessible education for the students.

President's Report:

President Saatkamp reported he met with the Faculty Assembly on February 17, 2009 to discuss the State budget and its impact on the College. He said that the College was in good financial standing compared to most institutions; however, he anticipated the economy would continue to spiral downward through 2009.

President Saatkamp said his priorities included making certain the College remained affordable and accessible, with an emphasis on scholarships and other student aid and maintaining service levels. He also noted that potential budget cuts should not impact academic and student services. Rather, he

would turn to the administration for efficiencies. Discussions are also ongoing regarding furloughs, which have not applied to state colleges and universities in the past because they have been viewed as independent and autonomous.

President Saatkamp introduced the College's new General Counsel, Ms. Melissa Hager and announced that effective July, 1, 2009 Dr. Thomasa Gonzalez will serve as Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. A national search was conducted with several viable candidates being interviewed.

Dr. Saatkamp announced the Hughes Center for Public Policy was hosting two major events: the South Jersey Energy Symposium: Implementing the Energy Master Plan, sponsored by South Jersey Industries and Atlantic City Electric on March 31, 2009 (8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.), and later that evening, a lecture with EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson and Robert Grady, Managing Director of the Carlyle Group. He acknowledged Ms. Sharon Schulman for her work in collaboration with Senator Bill Gormley at the Center.

President Saatkamp announced the College's "New Jersey's Green College" link on the College webpage which highlights college sustainability initiatives.

President Saatkamp also announced the planned celebration in honor of Dr. Paul Lyon's life on Sunday, March 1, 2009 in the Alton Auditorium and the "Profapalooza" concert at the House of Blues on March 6, 2009. The Stockton Faculty Band will perform with proceeds from the concert donated to the Stockton College Foundation will honor Dr. Lyons.

Dr. David Carr, Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, recommended the Board approve the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 Academic Calendar and the special title of Distinguished Professor upon (the late) Dr. Paul Lyons. He also reported on several information items: 2008 Board of Trustees Distinguished Student Research Fellowships, R&PD Recommendations (part of the Personnel Resolution), and Summer Research Award Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2010.

**Report of the Academic
Affairs & Planning
Committee:**

**Fall 2009 and Spring 2010
Academic Calendar
Resolution:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the resolution. President Saatkamp commented that the unusual nature of when holidays fall over the next two years required the College to make other considerations in developing the calendar three years out.

**Special Honor Bestowed
upon (the late) Paul Lyons
Resolution:**

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the resolution.

**2008 Board of Trustees
Distinguished Graduate
Students Research
Fellowships (Informational
Item):**

Provost Carr announced the recipients of the 2008 graduate fellowships: Shelia Mai Leonard and Anthony Milos (\$1,000); Stefanie Resnick and Mora Jimenez (\$2,000); Patricia Henk and Allison Boris (\$2,000); Allison Carroll and Maria Hoover (\$2,000); Sheena MacFarlan and Kristen Woodrow, and Nichole Straub (\$1,000).

R&PD Recommendations:

Provost Carr reported this R&PD Recommendation for a sabbatical for Dr. Nora Palugod is a part of the Personnel Resolution for approval.

Summer Research Award

Provost Carr reported the R&PD Committee met on December 16, 2008 to

**Recommendations for
Fiscal Year 2010
(Informational Item):**

evaluate applicants for FY10 Summer Research Awards. The Committee received 11 applications totaling \$56,087. Based on the Committee's discussions 8 projects totaling \$40,000 will be funded.

**Report of the Student
Affairs Committee:**

Trustee Jacobson, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee reported the committee met this morning and discussed in detail the direct loan program and its impact on students.

**Revised Authorization to
Participate a Direct Loan
Program Resolution:**

Mr. John Iacovelli, Dean of Enrollment stated the administration had a very difficult decision to make regarding the direct loan program because the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (NJHESA) has been a valued and trusted colleague of the College and will continue to be so because of the different products they offer students. However, because recent legislation has negatively impacted the Federal Family Education Loan Program (FFELP), which services many Stockton students. Direct lending, Dean Iacovelli said, will offer a better service option. He gave the example of approximately 378 students this semester not being fully serviced, because of the difficulty with the process. Between 1,200-1,300 students were not serviced in the first week of September, 2008.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to adopt the revised resolution.

Trustee Gutierrez inquired if Vice President Marchetti or his staff might provide additional testimony with regard to any assessment conducted by his staff leading up to this recommendation. Dr. Marchetti responded the matter was thoroughly reviewed by Ms. Jean Lewis, Director of Financial Aid and members of her staff throughout the fall semester, which lead to the recommendation made to the President. There was also continued discussion among the College's administration who endorsed the recommendation. Dr. Marchetti also noted there were several meeting held with NJHESA and Sallie Mae representatives throughout the process and that they were aware of the College's concerns.

**Spring 2009
Enrollment/Registration
Report:**

Dean Iacovelli reported that given the challenges of the economy, the College had a strong enrollment for the Spring with 64 more new students than last year (a 13.5% increase), the largest increase since 2005. However, he said, the College has not been immune to the recession, with a loss a few dozen students. The College has started an initiative to provide financial assistance of last resort to students who need help before they decide to drop out.

A total of 7,039 students registered for the Spring, generating 6,038 FTE. Undergraduates comprised of 6,446 students (5,720 FTE). There was also an increase in student diversity with a 21% minority population among undergraduates, 42% males and 58% females. The College remains at 96% matriculated and 3% non-matriculated. Undergraduate credit load per student also rose from 14% in fall 2008 to 14.2% this spring. Graduate students' average credit load remained steady at 6.4%. The combined headcount of 7,173 is 0.2% over last year's number and annualized FTE increased by 1.2%.

Dr. Deborah Figart, Dean of Graduate Studies announced that Dr. Richard Mung, a recent graduate of the doctoral program in Physical Therapy, donated a scholarship in support of the physical therapy program. She reported that enrollment targets were met with 593 students for the Spring and an FTE of

318. Males and females accounted for 25% and 75% of the student population, respectively. She did note that the office was continuing its efforts to increase minority enrollment, which is currently 15% of the population.

Dr. Figart noted difficulty in recruiting graduate students in this economy and two of the signature graduate programs are maxed-out in terms of capacity due to the accreditation body. There continues to be great demand for physical therapy and occupational therapy occupations in the region. She said that Provost and Dean Reva Curry were looking at ways to increase the capacity in these programs. Dr. Figart reported that she is working with the Provost and Counsel of Deans to bring forth a proposal to the President and Board to make a small investment, which would allow her to compete with competitors in the region and offer a select few number of graduate students some stipends (\$10,000-\$15,000) to recruit them to study at the College on a full-time basis.

In closing, Dr. Figart spoke about the graduate school's first *WEBisode* for marketing the College's programs on line and in other venues. The College will also trademark the spelling of *WEBisode*, which was conceived by Ed Cornell, Video Producer, and Mark Jackson, Director of Media Services. Dean Figart gave directions on how to access the link through the College's website.

Chairman Yoh remarked the content and quality of the *WEBisode* was excellent.

Report of the Buildings and Grounds Committee:

Trustee Curtis Bashaw, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee reported the College celebrated the re-opening of the Elizabeth B. Alton Auditorium. Progress has also been made on the way finding plan and the Campus Center. The College will also start soliciting proposals (RFPs) for the Science Center. Additionally, he spoke about the proposal to solicit design services for L-Wing (swimming pool area).

Report of the Finance Committee:

Trustee Stan Ellis, Chair of the Finance Committee reported the committee met this morning to review several items in which the Finance Committee recommended for approval.

FY09 Bid Waiver Resolution:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to approve the resolution, with an abstention vote from Trustee Jacobson on AtlanticCare Health Services, Inc. Trustee Sena also abstained from voting on Jack's Mannequin (Management Sanctuary Artist Management).

Authorizing the President or his Designee to Acquire Real Property Resolution:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to approve the resolution, with an abstention from Trustee Sena.

Use and Scheduling of College Space and Facilities Resolution:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Gutierrez and second by Trustee Pappas, the Board voted to approve the resolution.

Flat Tuition Rate and Fee Rates for Undergraduate Students Resolution:

Trustee Ellis reported there was a lot of discussion regarding this proposal at the Committee meeting. Stockton currently uses a per credit fee structure while other colleges and universities have a flat rate for tuition and fees. The proposed places the College in line with its sister institutions and allows students to take more courses in order to graduate quicker. Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Bashaw, the Board voted to

approve the resolution.

Pinelands Commission to Reconsider Plans that Would Adversely Impact a Full Interchange off Exit 44 on the Garden State Parkway Resolution (distributed):

Trustee Ellis gave a brief overview regarding the details of the request. Exit 44 on the Garden State Parkway (GSP), North/South is very important to the ease of access to the ease and development to the College over time. Several other government entities in the region have passed resolutions in support of the process moving forward. Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Gutierrez.

Trustee Jacobson inquired about the entrance and exit off the Garden State Parkway. President Saatkamp responded the concern is that the Pinelands Commission (meeting today) was considering re-zoning, which would make it impossible to make the exit a full exchange. Galloway Township, Atlantic County and the Freeholders have put together a resolution requesting that the Pinelands re-zoning will not keep us from moving forward with this being a full exchange. Dr. Saatkamp reported he had spoken with members of the Pinelands Commission who assured him that they were on the same page, but there is still some concern. The College, he said, was simply adding its voice to that of several other governing bodies to say please don't restrict this in such a way that it is not possible for it to be a full exchange.

Report of the Investment Committee:

Trustee Stan Ellis, Chair of the Investment Committee reported the Committee met with TD Bank (Investment Advisor) this morning. He thanked Trustee Gutierrez for the report at the December 2008 meeting. The College's fund is in excellent shape. He reported the College has moved into equities; the vast majority of is still in fixed income.

Chairman Yoh reported that 889% of the College's funds are in fixed income.

Report of the Audit Committee:

Committee Chair, Trustee Gutierrez, reported the College was in the process of conducting its internal audits and he requested the College community to cooperate with the Internal Auditor, Mr. Carlton "Skip" Collins. Results of the internal audit will be presented at the next Board meeting on May 6, 2009.

Report of the Development Committee:

Trustee Pappas reported Trustee Byrne and Mr. Charles Kramer, President of the Foundation Board, joined the meeting this morning via telephone. He reported that four members of the Foundation Board attended the Association of Governing Board's (AGB) conference for Foundation Boards. The Committee was also presented with a formal Gift Policy and Guidelines, which will be presented at the May 2009 meeting. The College is experiencing double-digit growth in number of Alumni contributing to the Annual Fund.

Ms. Marilyn DiGiacobbe, Chief Development Officer and Executive Director of the College Foundation, stressed the importance of the Development Committee adopting the Gift Policy and Guidelines, which are important to the efforts as they move forward in the planning stages of a potential campaign for the College and the Foundation. She also reminded everyone of the Spring Benefit Gala on April 25 and announced the College received a \$100,000 pledge from the Harrah's Foundation, in addition to three new \$25,000 sponsorships.

Personnel Actions Resolution (distributed):

Chairman Yoh reported that the Personnel Actions Resolution was distributed to the Board and public. Upon a motion made by Trustee Ellis and second by Trustee Jacobson, the Board voted to adopt the resolution, with an abstention

from Trustee Sena.

Other Business:

There was no other business to come before the Board at this time.

Comments from the Public:

Provost Carr introduced Dr. Riva Curry, Interim Dean of Health Sciences.

Mrs. Sally Whitmer, wife of retired Stockton administrator, Marvin Whitmer, came forward with a request that the board consider extending the 40% tuition discount to retired employees of the College and their children. President Saatkamp responded the tuition discount was offered to current employees. He recommended the Finance Committee review this request.

Patrick Lesniak, a first-year student in the doctoral Physical Therapy program, expressed concern regarding how the removal of the cap on credits for tuition payments would impact him and other students financially in the program. He asked that the Board consider grandfathering in the currently enrolled students.

Dr. Deb Figart, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies replied that proper notice of the policy change was not sufficiently shared with the campus community regarding the cap. She commented her office was currently working with the Financial Aid Office and discussions are underway to find a way to increase the maximum amount of Stafford Loan(s) that can be provided to graduate students in addition to graduate assistantships, tuition remission and other waiver credits to the doctor of physical therapy program.

President Saatkamp charged Dean Figart and the administration to take a look at these issues to see what is possible, especially with the new Stimulus Plan.

Dr. Jan Colijn, Dean of the School of General Studies reported the College had a soft-opening of the expansion of the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Center. He invited everyone to the ribbon cutting ceremony on April 28, 2009.

Comments from the Board of Trustees:

Trustee Gutierrez suggested is issue of tuition discounts and the flat tuition rate be raised again at the next board meeting.

The next regularly scheduled meeting:

Chairman Yoh announced the next regularly meeting of the Board of Directors would be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 in the Multipurpose Room of the Anne B. Townsend Residential Life Center at 3:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Upon a motion made by Trustee Jacobson and second by Trustee Ellis, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

For the Board

Brian K. Jackson, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Approved by the Board of Trustees on May 6, 2009